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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: FRENCH GATT XIX ACTION

FOR EB ASST SEC KATZ, COMMERCE ASST SEC WEIL, AND STR AMB STRAUSS

REF: PARIS 18049

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, FRANCE ANNOUNCED JUNE 18 IT WAS TAKING GATT XIX ACTION ON MEN'S SHIRTS, WOMEN'S BLOUSES, TEE-SHIRTS, AND COTTON THREAD. ALL THESE PRODUCTS ARE COVERED BY MFA. MEASURES TAKE EFFECT JUNE 22.

2. FRENCH ACTION COULD NOT COME AT A WORSE TIME ON EVE RESTRICTED SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN TEXTILE MEETING IN GENEVA JUNE 22 AND PLENARY TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 5. ACTION HAS ALSO OBVIOUSLY CAUGHT EC COMMISSION BY SURPRISE AND PROBABLY WILL RAISE SERIOUS INTERNAL PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.

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3. IN ABSENCE DETAILED BACKGROUND TO FRENCH ACTION AND IN ABSENCE INFORMATION ON VALUE AND VOLUME TRADE AFFECTED, IT IMPOSSIBLE ASSESS NOW PROBABLE REACTIONS IN MFA TERMS; I.E., ATTITUDE OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES. ONE THING IS CERTAIN AND THAT IS THAT FRNECH MOVE WILL GUARANTEE EARLY CONCENTRATION ON ART. XIX-MFA CONFLICT IN UPCOMING TC DELIBERATIONS.

4. IN YOUR MEETINGS TODAY WITH COMITEXTIL OFFICIALS YOU MAY WISH
EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF FRENCH ACTION IN THAT
IT RAISES QUESTION OF EC COMMISSION'S ABILITY AND/OR COMPETENCE
TO NEGOTIATE TEXTILE PROBLEMS EITHER BILATERALLY OR MULTILATERALLY.
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